

Rio Hondo Joins Metro Conference

Intensive two-day drills begin this Thursday for football players of the Metropolitan Conference, which this season returns to its traditional eight-school configuration with the addition of newly built Rio Hondo Junior College.

El Camino Drills Begin Thursday

Football practice gets under way at El Camino tomorrow with 25 players returning from last year's third place Metropolitan Conference team.

Coach Ken Swearingen, who begins his fifth year as Warrior head man, predicts that defense will be the strong point of the team this season.

Eight defensive lettermen are back from last season's squad. Swearingen's biggest headache is replacing All-American end Rick Eber and all-conference quarterback Carey Hubert, not to overlook all-conference tackle Mike Hannigan, guard Ron Murray and defensive back Tim Thomas.

The Warriors open their season with the annual Alumni game in Murdock Stadium Sept. 10 at 8 p.m., then travel to Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 15, for the first inter-sectional game for El Camino in several years. The Warriors then come home to Murdock Stadium to meet Los Angeles Pierce College Sept. 24, followed by L. A. Valley College here Oct. 8; Santa Monica College there Oct. 15; Cerritos College there, Oct. 22; East Los Angeles College (Homecoming here Oct. 29); Rio Hondo College there Nov. 5; Bakersfield here Nov. 12; and Long Beach City College there Nov. 19 for the final game of the season.

Toughest contests on the schedule, according to Swearingen, will be Long Beach and Cerritos, with Valley as a darkhorse candidate for conference laurels.

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3-Day Event Set for Karts

Four champion drivers, including grand national champion Jim Whitehead of West Los Angeles, have filed their entries for the three-day 500 Formula Kart Race this weekend at Willow Springs International Raceway in the Antelope Valley.

There's scarcely time enough to prepare for the season.

On the schedule are three games Friday night, Sept. 16, when three Metro squads are on the road — El Camino at Phoenix, Cerritos at Costa Mesa, and Santa Monica at Fullerton. On Saturday, Sept. 17, Long Beach hosts Azusa Pacific while Bakersfield entertains Mesa of Colorado.

Except for Art Teixeira (pronounced TUH-SHARE-UH) at Whittier-based Rio Hondo and Paul Chafe (pronounced as in SAFE) at Long Beach, the conference has a familiar coaching alignment with Smokey Cates at Cerritos, Ken Swearingen at El Camino, Jim Powers at Santa Monica, Ray Newman at Bakersfield, Bill Thompson at East Los Angeles, and George Goff at Valley.

Chafe succeeds Rollie Eilert, who last year compiled one of the finest regular season junior college football records in the nation (7-1-1).

For five years Chafe has been an assistant coach at Long Beach. Eilert will serve as line coach this season.

Pop Warner Launched In Lomita

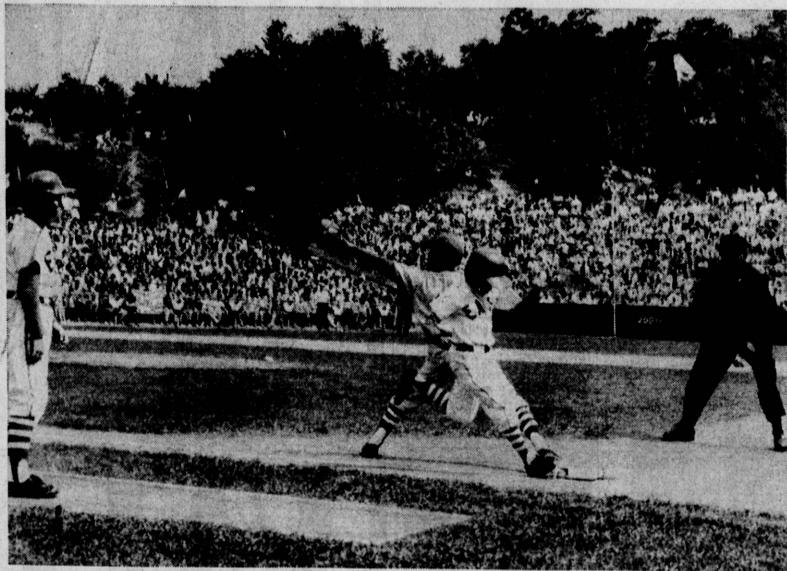
Pop Warner football will make its debut in Lomita this fall. Boys between 90 and 115 pounds born in 1953, 1954 or 1955 are sought for the inaugural team. Registration is between 6 and 8 p.m. in the evenings at Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Avenue. Boys must provide a birth certificate and school report card.

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Drag Boat Races Set

The world's fastest humans — on water — the intrepid drag boat pilots, will descend on Ski-Land, near Perris, Calif., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, seeking a cut of \$12,000 in prizes earmarked for the winners in the World Champion Gas and Fuel National Drag Boat Races.

It Rained at Williamsport



WORLD SERIES ATMOSPHERE . . . Going after the Little League World Series championship at Williamsport, Pa., last week were West New York, New Jersey, for the East and Houston Texas for the South. In photo above first baseman Steve Reeves

takes a throw at first base to retire Ike Alonzo in the first inning. Houston went on to win the title by an 8-2 score. The game will be on TV's Wide World of Sports next Saturday. Sonny Fox, color man for the telecast, is shown interviewing Steve Reeves.

(Press-Herald Photo)

World Series Won By Texas

By HENRY BURKE
Press-Herald Sports Editor

The Little League World Champion is Westbury Little League of Houston, Texas. Certainly the team is a most deserving champion.

Westbury climaxed an all-victorious 13-game schedule with an 8-2 win over West New York, New Jersey, last Saturday at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

ABC-TV was there with its color video equipment and has put together next Saturday's "Wide World of Sports" for a local 5 p.m. showing.

Some people object that the game is not presented 'live', but network television must cope with a rather exacting time schedule. Considering the one-hour and 33-minute interruption of this year's championship game because of a cloud burst in the third inning, the delayed video-tape procedure is a blessing. It also gives those of us who were on hand for the series an opportunity to watch the re-run.

About 20,000 spectators showed up for the championship game, but due to the flash flood that hit Williamsport, less than 12,000 were on hand at the finish.

New Jersey got its only two runs in the first inning. Pitcher Mario Ruiz, a Cuban refugee, meanwhile, sailed through Houston's tough batting order for two innings without a sign of threat.

In the top of the third a dark cloud appeared from the northeast. It was not only bad news for game officials, but as Houston got runners on first and second base with one away, the tide turned completely against West New York.

A visitor may have been confused when hundreds of spectators in the scenic outfield terrace suddenly abandoned choice spots and hurried for cover several minutes before the actual precipitation.

Mark Harding, the fourth man up in the inning for Houston, had a 1-0 count when Umpire Frank Ruzzo heard the crack of thunder and lightning and chased both teams to their dugouts.

Home plate and the pitcher's mound were covered by small canvass, but it did little to ward off the down-pour that followed.

The sight of people running every which way to find shelter for infants and the elderly was quite a sight. So was the look of a field director who momentarily escaped the rain, but remembered the top was down on his convertible.

It took 13 minutes for the blitz to subside, leaving a half-inch of water on the playing field. But when the bright sun began to break through again, field announcer Elmer Lehotsky reported the game would be suspended only until the field could be put back into playing condition.

Can you imagine what to do with 50 chartered 60-passenger buses and 4,000 automobiles piled up on the surrounding turf in a situation like this.

Those who managed to get out of the place got into a traffic snarl and those who decided against it came back to the diamond to follow the resumption of a Houston-dominated ball game.

The field crew was prepared for the circumstances by spreading a quick-drying powder around the infield, mound, and batting area. The temperature was back to 80 degrees and by 4:15 Harding was in the batter's box again. He walked and Steve Reeves stroked a single against the right centerfield fence to knot the count at 2-all and Harding raced in from third on an infield out. homr in the fifth.

Ray Plumb homered for one of Houston's three runs in the fourth and Dave McCaleb spanked a two-run. These two homers brought to 29 the total home runs for Houston in 13 games.

There wasn't much difference in the ability of the nine boys in Houston's starting line-up. Only Pitcher Mike Robinett was noticeably tall. The others were all about 5'4" and husky. One thing they all did well was swinging a bat.

They defeated three of the four toughest teams in the tournament, starting out with a 6-0 shutout of Monterey, Mexico, and following with a 4-0 conquest of Sacramento from the West.

In contrast to prior World Series which characterized strong pitching, batting prevailed. Each foreign team was representative. There was at least one home run in each of the 12 championship and consolation games. Never were there so many foul balls.

Mickey McConnell, an expert on the subject, says Houston is the best hitting team he ever saw at Williamsport.

The Little League World Series gets a good "Press" in the East and Midwest. The broadcasting of all games is a tradition in Eastern cities and Chicago.

Mel Allen, the famed voice of the New York Yankees for many years, was used by KRAK in Sacramento to report the play-by-play.

Sacramento Airport Little League took third place by blanking Osaka, Japan, 6-0. Sacramento also beat Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 3-1, before losing to Houston, 4-0.

Sacramento Airport Little League took third place with a 9-4 win over Rosewell, New Mexico, and a 2-1 win over Oceanview of Huntington Beach at San Lorenzo.

It was Oceanview which knocked off the last local surviving team, Southwood of Torrance, 1-0, in eight innings.

The number of games each team played in the tournament were: West New York 15, Houston 13, Sacramento 13, Kankakee, Illinois 13, Rhein-Main, Germany 11, Windsor, Ontario 11, Monterey, Mexico 9, and Asaka, Japan 7.

Win or lose, each of the eight teams who qualified for the trip to Williamsport will cherish this experience. The seven runners up all felt the best team won.

Key Realty Wins SCMAF Tourney

Key Realty of Torrance won the 1966 Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Sid-Pitch Tournament Saturday by defeating the Wild Mustangs of Torrance, 3-2.

Key Realty scored three runs in the first inning with the help of two errors. Tom Hutchinson's single drove in one run and set up the two others. After the first inning it was all Mustangs. They scored a run in the fourth inning on a single by Cal Eubanks and Claude Ragsdale's two-out single. The Mustangs added another run in the fifth on a single by Bruno Giocomi, an error and a single by George Swade.

The Mustangs threatened in the bottom of the seventh when they loaded the bases with two outs. However a pinch-hitter hit back to the pitcher to end the game.

Key Realty advanced to the finals by edging Local No. 1117 3-2. In that game Larry Lewis singled to drive in the tying and winning runs with two out in the bottom of the seventh.

The Wild Mustangs had gained the finals by bombing the Hughes Hustlers 10-2.

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Dick Bass Bolsters Ram Attack

The Rams' running game, target of the critics in earlier contests (though outgaining the combined opposition), took a dramatic spurt forward last week-end as Dick Bass resumed his regular role as fullback and L. A. conquered St. Louis, 32-14.

The Scooter's spectacular display of speed and elusiveness against the St. Louis Cardinals (139 yards in 10 carries) gave him a season average of 12.90 yards per carry and jet-propelled the Rams' overall average to 4.55 yards as compared to their four opponents' 3.14.

Two other top performers, quarterback Roman Gabriel and flanker Tommy McDonald, fattened their averages against the Cards with brilliant efforts. Gabriel, who went the entire game, increased his pass-completion percentage to 5.83, well above his best season figure since he joined the Rams.



Motorcycle Action Draws Top Drivers

The biggest and most important portion of the motorcycle racing season at Ascot Park is coming up next weekend and the following one.

There will be a twin bill of action next weekend, flat-track racing on Friday night and steeplechasing on Saturday evening.

Then on Saturday night, Sept. 10, it's the annual Eight-Mile U.S. Motorcycle Racing Championship, one of the biggest races of the year in the sport. J. C. Agajanian expects nearly all of the premier riders in the nation for the Nationals.

'Kingsize Kids' Engulf West High

By HENRY BURKE

Football training got under way at the five high schools in Torrance Monday.

For a week teams will undergo a complete conditioning program without use of football gear. Teams are not allowed to touch a football for the first few days and some of the coaches hesitate to sound off about their prospects until after initial contact has taken place.

Fred Peterson at West High, however, is pleased with the physical appearance of his Warriors. Ten members of the varsity top the 200-pound bracket.

Allan Coward, one of the best guards in the Southland, weighed in at 215 pounds Monday. His weight a year ago was 207.

"Allan is just the weight I want him," said Coach Peterson.

Dave Boyd, a junior at end, is up to 205 from 185. Others in the 200-plus weight are tackles Steve



DAVE BOYD
205-Pound Junior

Renz, 215; Mike Menth, 210; and Steve Serridge, 220.

John Black, backer upper at center a year ago, will move into the left guard spot and is a healthy 180. He is the quickest lineman on the squad.

Rich Schwanback, the mid-



JOHN BLACK
Quickest Lineman

dle man among three brothers, has put on a few pounds to improve his 165 of last season. He is set for a starting end slot.

Skip Hogue has gone from 155 to 166 pounds and is expected to tie down the center job.



STEVE SERRIDGE
Biggest Man at 220

Three areas Peterson is concerned about are backup men, pass defense and offensive quarterback, but he is quick to point out Gary Swanson mixes well with the squad and may do all right at the helm.

Tony Wachtler, No. 2 quar-

terback and defensive back in spring training, is reportedly giving up football. He is a senior.

The "Big Three" in the running backfield consists of Fullback Gary Singleton, Wingback Joel Hons and Tailback Bill DeWaide. Peterson has uncovered a 180-pound speedster Bill Brietzman to spell DeWaide. Brietzman is also the defensive captain.

Al Schwanbeck, the sophomore among the brothers, will get plenty of work in the backfield. He is 170 pounds now.

Another sophomore who is impressive is Rich Pierce, a 170-pound guard.

Nine West High prospects missed the first days of practice because of vacations. They include Landon Calkins, a guard, and Tom Fischer, an end.

With all divisions inclusive, 160 boys are out for football at West High and they have one thing in common — all are shaved to the scalp! It's part of the school discipline.